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NOTIFICATION

Whereas it is felt expedient to identify suitable venues for holding public meetings by Political Parties in the East District during the period of Model Code of Conduct for General Elections-2019.

1. In order to ensure that such venues should not cause inconvenience to the general public and
2. To streamline the existing procedure and to have uniform guidelines on issue of permission for public meetings and political advertisements within the State of Sikkim.
3. To give equal and fair opportunity to all political parties and candidates to hold public meetings during the General/Assembly Elections-2019.

The list of venues within the respective Police Station jurisdiction as specified in the Schedule attached to this Notification shall henceforth be the venues for holding public meetings within the State. These venues will be subject to the conditions laid down herein below:-

Public meetings

1. **Authority to issue permission**
 - (a) The District Election Officer cum District Collector/District Magistrate, East or any officer authorized by him shall be the authority to issue permission for holding public meetings, under the provisions of Election rules.
 - (b) Applications for any public meeting shall be submitted to the office of the District Collector, East not earlier than 7 days and not later than 2 (two) days before the date of

the public meeting. The application shall clearly mention the venue, date, time and the approximate number of participants in the meeting.

- (c) If more than one application has been received for the same venue and same date, permissions shall be issued on a first come first serve basis.
- (d) The applicants must enclose the bank receipt/proof of payment of required fees to be deposited, wherever it is applicable, before the permission letter is issued to them.
- (e) In case of any grievance regarding permissions a written complaint may be filed with the District Collector cum District Election Officer, East Sikkim who shall resolve the issue.

2. Venue for holding public meetings

- (a) Permission shall be issued only for the identified and notified venues as specified in the schedule. No other public property or community assets shall be used for holding any public meetings.
- (b) No public meeting would be permitted in a School ground, except on Sundays and Holidays.

Meeting in haat bazaar area on a haat day shall be subject to the following conditions:

- i. No stage will be constructed.
- ii. No seating arrangement will be made.
- iii. The meeting shall not extend for more than two (02) hours at one go.
- iv. There shall be a gap of one hour between two different political meetings in the same venue.
- iv. Only flags and banners shall be allowed to be displayed in the venue for political meetings. They shall be removed immediately after the meeting is over, by the concerned political party/candidates.
- c. Where a public meeting is to be held in a private property, the NOC of the property owner shall be submitted with the application for permission.
- d. Appropriate fees shall be charged for holding public meetings in all of the identified venues in East District as per the departmental notified fee.
- d. Fees for School grounds :
 - Rs 2500/- smaller grounds
(less than football ground)
 - Rs 5000/- bigger (Football ground size) Grounds

Charges as mentioned above shall be deposited in relevant department's Revenue Head before obtaining permission.

SCHEDULE

East District

01	Ranipool	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adampool School Ground. 2. Assam Lingzey SSS Ground. 3. Nandok School Ground 4. Tatastand/entertainment ground
02.	Pakyong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GREF Complex (opp. Pakyong PS) 2. ST. Xavier School Ground. 3. Rorathang Bazar. 4. Mamring Sr. Sec School. 5. Machong Sr. Sec School 6. Rolep Power Guest House 7. Linkey Secondary School
03.	Rhenock	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mela Ground Below Rhenock Bazar 2. Mela Ground, Aritar 3. Hat Shed Rhenock Bazar
04	Singtam	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Golitar (Near Singtam Pvt. Stand) 2. Sang SS Ground. 3. Sekuwa Bazar (Martam) 4. Ground above Makha Bazar. 5. Opposite Singtam PS 6. Samdong SSS Ground.
05	Rangpo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rangpo Football Ground. 2. Mining Ground 3. Duga Sec School Ground 4. Central Pendam SS Ground
06	Rongli	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Garg Bhawan Area, Rongli Bazar 2. Rongli Mela Ground, Kholatar 3. Helipad, Dalapchand
07	Sadar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guards Ground 2. Old Fish Pond, Near Palzor Stadium 3. Tadong Collage Ground 4. Ranka Shool Ground 5. Chongey School Ground 6. Penlong Sr. Secondary Ground 7. Taxi Stand Outside, DAC, Sichey 8. Lingdok Govt. Sr. Sec School Ground 9. Pangthang Govt. JHS Ground 10. Dikchu Govt. Sr. Sec School 11. Saraswati Govt. Primary School Ground 12. Perbing Govt. Primary School Ground 13. Luing Govt. Primary School Ground 14. Burtuk Govt. Sec School Ground 15. Bhojoghari JHS Ground 16. Lower Syari Govt. Sec School Ground 17. Roof top of Kanchenjunga Shopping Complex (smaller gathering)

District Election Officer cum District Collector, East